

FORCED TO RESIGN

Rebellion in the "Bloc" Compels French Premier to Step Down.

Paris, Jan. 15.—M. Combes' cabinet weathered another storm after a session of the Chamber of Deputies lasting until one o'clock this morning, and secured a majority of ten on a motion supporting the declarations of the Ministers and approving the policy of the Government.

M. Combes has succeeded in resisting the effort to compel his fall. The opposition, however, hails the decision as a victory, claiming that the small majority for the ministry last night left M. Combes shorn of effective strength to carry out his policies.

It was generally expected that the session of the Chamber of Deputies to-day would culminate in the overthrow of the ministry of M. Combes, and the floors and galleries were packed by persons who desired to witness the final struggle.

M. Combes called at the Elysee Palace to-day for the purpose of conferring with President Loubet. The latter was overwhelmed by the critical illness of his mother, who died at three o'clock this afternoon.

These various elements sapped the strength of the majority until M. Combes to-day found himself confronted by rebellion in his own ranks. His speeches, in closing the three days' debate on the policy of the government, was a vehement defence of his ministry, and a denunciation of his detractors.

Who will form the next Cabinet is not yet certain. The logic of the situation appears to point to M. Rouvier, and he is acceptable to both M. Combes and those who are rebelling against his authority.

The Premier referred to the calumnies which had not spared his white hair. He wished time to complete the work against the religious associations, and if the ministry were retained, he said it would proceed to consider the income tax, workingmen's pensions and the separation of Church and State.

Oxford possesses an undying interest and a charm that is invariable. It is said to be almost the only place of renown in the world which, as a thing of beauty, does not disappoint at first sight.

MM. Robert and Boe attacked the ministry, the latter declaring that M. Combes' policy was one of falsehood and dissimulation. An indescribable tumult followed. The Socialists endeavored to scale the benches to attack members on the opposite side of the Chamber, and amid cries of "Traitor," "Coward," "Assassin," the President temporarily suspended the session.

The University possesses one famous chapel, whose name, St. Mary's, has become imperishable. It is within this chapel that one can best realize the different religious phases through which England has passed in the course of the centuries.

The violent scenes were renewed when the session resumed its sitting, and a preliminary vote showed the government had a majority of 14. The decisive vote was taken on a motion of Bienvu Martin, approving the declarations and programme of the government, and was adopted by a vote of 289 to 279.

The issue which proved most decisive towards hastening the resignations of the ministers was the popular outcry against secret reports on the lives of army officers.

Paris, Jan. 15.—The ministry of M. Combes, after emerging successfully from its bitter midnight struggle in the Chamber of Deputies, has decided to abandon the field, while some portion of its prestige still remains, and has signified its intention of resigning.

Current events were briefly reviewed. Future developments consequent upon the recent fall of Port Arthur in the way of new alliances were hinted at and suggested as most interesting to note.

AT THE VATICAN

Rome, Jan. 15.—The French cabinet situation is regarded at the Vatican with satisfaction, and the early resignation of the ministry is considered to be inevitable.

D'YOUVILLE READING CIRCLE

Ottawa, Jan. 14. The D'Youville Reading Circle held its first meeting for the New Year on Tuesday evening, the 10th. The Oxford study, begun at a former meeting, was given particular attention, and the history of the great university traced from its early days to the period of the Tractarian movement.

The next meeting will be on January 24th. MARGUERITE.

Lectures on Celtic Literature

Queen's University, Kingston, has established a course of lectures on Celtic literature, and is the first of the Canadian universities to incorporate such a course on her curriculum.

A Successful Banquet

The charity banquet given on Monday evening by the St. Vincent de Paul Home, Visitation street, was a very successful affair.

CHINA AND THE CHINESE

An original entertainment is to be provided for those who attend the lecture on "China and the Chinese," to be delivered at St. Mary's College Hall on Tuesday next, January 24th.

CLEVER YOUNG MUSICIAN

Miss Gertrude Murphy, one of St. Patrick's School music teachers, has won the associate diploma at the last examinations of the Dominion College of Music.

Vicar-General Racicot Elevated to Episcopacy

A cablegram from Rome announced on Monday that the Pope, acknowledging the growing importance of the Archdiocese of Montreal, had granted the request of Archbishop Bruchesi to have an auxiliary Bishop and had nominated Mgr. Zolique Racicot, now Vicer-General of Montreal, to the office.

The elevation of the Vicar-General, already an apostolic protonotary, to the dignity of an auxiliary bishop, caused much satisfaction throughout the diocese, and as the news became known, he was the recipient of many congratulations not only from the clergy of the city, but of the surrounding towns.

Reception of Doctor of St Ann's Church.

The reception given to Rev. Father Rioux, P.P., C.S.S.R., St. Ann's Church, a few days ago by the boys of St. Ann's Christian Brothers' School was of a very pleasing character. As the rector entered the hall the Choral Union sang sweetly, "Benedictus qui Venit," followed by two selections from the band, "Home Again," and "Home, Sweet Home," after which the Choral Union sang "Home Again." An address was then read in which reference was made to the great honor conferred on Rev. Father Rioux as being the representative of the Canadian province to be present at the canonization of Blessed Gerard Majella, and also of assisting at the golden jubilee of the Immaculate Conception.



MGR. RACICOT. Newly Appointed Auxiliary Bishop. From the Witness.

LOLOYA COURT, C.O.F.

Loyola Court, C. O. F., will hold a stag euche on next Monday evening for members and their friends at Raby's Hall. Prizes will be distributed to the successful ones.

OBITUARY

On Dec. 31 the death occurred of Ann Cayley, beloved wife of Mr. John Kane, 38 Donegan street. It was with painful suddenness that the end came, for deceased had only been ill about ten days.

REQUIEM FOR BROTHER ARNOLD

A solemn requiem service was celebrated this morning at St. Ann's Church for the late Brother Arnold. The church was heavily draped and the many lights around the large catafalque relieved the sombre appearance of the church.

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The official title of Mgr. Racicot after his elevation to the episcopacy will be that of Bishop of Flora, a town in Asia Minor. The consecration of the new Bishop will take place after the return of Archbishop Bruchesi from Rome.

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In the enlightened mind, faith is a higher virtue than it can be for the ignorant, and to sustain it there is need of a nobler life.